



## Independence Day 2018

All this week, our Nation will pause at celebrations both large and small to celebrate the freedoms that set the United States apart from the rest of the world. The legacy of our earliest Soldiers, those who fought so valiantly for independence, continues today within each of you. Thank you for what you do every day to maintain our uniquely American way of life.

As you enjoy time off for the holiday, remember to make risk management an integral part of your plans. Off-duty accidents have been on the rise this fiscal year and, if past seasons hold true, will accelerate through the remainder of summer. However, starting now, we can prevent that trend by making smart risk decisions — on the road, on the water and everywhere in between.

We wish you all a happy and safe Fourth of July.

Readiness Through Safety!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ernest D. Bowen, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ernest D. Bowen, Jr.  
Command Sergeant Major

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Christopher W. Waters" with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Christopher W. Waters  
Colonel, USA  
Acting Commander